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HAY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

WELSH BOARD OF HEALTH
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GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit for your information my ANNUAL REPORT for the year 1925.

I.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area, 39,149 acres.

Population, 4,191.

Number of Inhabited Houses, 816.

Number of families or separate occupiers, 818.

Rateable Value, £35,629.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £92 8s. 5d.

The District is entirely Agricultural.

There are several small villages and two large institutions, *e.g.*

A. The Mid-Wales Mental Hospital at Talgarth, containing 400 patients.

B. The South Wales Sanatorium at Pontywal, with 300 beds for Tubercular male patients.

There is at present a temporary industrial area in the district, *e.g.* in the Gwryny Fawr Valley, in the Black Mountains, where the Abertillery Water Board are building a reservoir. The workmen are housed in a number of wooden huts which are well drained. They have a small Hospital for the treatment of urgent cases, and a trained nurse resides there.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

			Total	Male	Female	Birth-rate
Births {	Legitimate	- -	64	30	34	16·2
	Illegitimate	- -	3	0	3	

In 1920 there were 72 births with a Birth-rate of 22·5.

Deaths, 34. Death-rate, 8·1.

In 1920 there were 40 deaths, with a Death-rate of 12·2.

Number of women dying in or in consequence of child-birth, nil.

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 births, 29. Legitimate, 2; Illegitimate, 0;

Total, 2.

Deaths from Measles, nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough, nil.

Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years old), nil.

The number of exemptions from vaccination is gradually increasing—

	Total Births.	Exemptions.
In 1923	76	25
1924	56	22
1925	60	28

This of course means that you have now a large number of persons in the district unprotected from Small-pox. In my experience the objection to vaccination is due to two reasons—

i. The mother objects to you hurting her baby.

ii. The fact that vaccination makes the baby ill and consequently cross for a few days.

I believe that if the Vaccination Laws were altered, so that instead of vaccinating children before they are 4 months old, the period could be extended to 5 years, that is, all children must be vaccinated before they are allowed to go to school, 90 per cent. of the exemptions would disappear.

You are spending about £900 a year on the Public Health and Sanitary Services in your district, and I think it may be useful to see what you are getting for this and whether you could not increase your activities.

1. When the Trefecca Water Scheme is completed, every village in your district will be supplied with a good supply of pure water.

2. You have a Sewerage Scheme for Talgarth and Bronllys.

3. You undertake the removal of House Refuse at Talgarth, I think it would be an advantage if you also did this for Bronllys.

You have no Isolation Hospital in the district, but you have got an arrangement with the Hay Urban District to admit patients into their Hospital at Hay, and I consider this is a satisfactory arrangement.

You have no Maternity or Child Welfare Centre in the district. This part of the Health Service you have delegated to the County Council, but I think you might consider the advisability of asking the

County Council to start a Child Welfare Centre, either at Talgarth or Glasbury.

You have a distinct scarcity of houses in the district. You have decided to build 18 houses, but the scheme does not seem to progress very rapidly, might I suggest that it would expediate matters if you appointed an Architect immediately and asked him to submit plans.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

DISEASE.				Total Cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	...	...	...	0	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	3	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	4	0	0
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	3	0	2
Erysipelas	...	..	...	1	0	0
Chicken Pox	...	..	...	4	0	0
Tuberculosis						
Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.	
	Pulmonary. M. F.		Non-Pulmonary M. F.		Pulmonary. M. F.	
0						
1						
5						
10						
15	1			2		
20	1	2		1		
25						
35						
45		2			1	
55						
65						
Total	2	4		3	1	

There were no cases of Ophthalmia notified during the year.

4.—CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

The incidence of sickness has been light. There was no epidemic and no schools were closed for illness during the year.

I believe that one of the causes of sickness in young children is unclean milk, and I would wish to bring to your notice the Clean Milk Competition organised by the Brecon and Radnor Agricultural Education Committee. I was glad to see that there were two farmers from your district who entered for this competition last year. I would like to see all the farmers in the district entering for this competition, and I am pleased to see that the Agricultural Organiser is prepared to advise milk producers free of charge and will visit farms to study the conditions on the spot, and thereby make it possible to give reliable guidance.

5.—SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

There are two certified Midwives in the district, one at Talgarth and one at Three Cocks. There is also one at Erwood in the Builth Rural District, whose practice covers part of your district.

There is a small Isolation Hospital at Hay to which you can send patients suffering from Infectious Diseases.

6.—LABORATORY WORK.

Your Council has made arrangements with the Clinical Research Association for Bacteriological Examinations. During the year fourteen reports were received from this Association.

The following Acts and Regulations have been adopted by your Council :					ADOPTED.
1.	Talgarth Water Rates and Regulations	...	...	...	1904
2.	Part ii. Public Health Act, 1890	...	...	...	1905
3.	Drain and Sewer Regulations	...	...	...	1905
4.	Dairy and Milk Shop Regulations	...	...	...	1907
5.	Sect. 39 P.H.A. 1875, re Talgarth House Refuse	...	...	...	1911
6.	Diphtheria Ante Toxin Order, Sect. 133, P.H.A., 1875	...	...	...	1911
7.	Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890	...	...	...	1912
8.	Sect. 45 P.H.A. 1875, re Talgarth House Refuse	...	...	...	1914

7.—SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Number of Inspections made ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Notices given—							
Statuary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Informal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Result of the Service of Notices							
Complied with ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Not complied with ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
W.C. provided and connected to Sewer ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Privy accommodation provided ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Houses to which water has been supplied or supply improved ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Houses disinfected ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Houses cleansed and disinfected by owners ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Houses and premises inspected, excluding Schools and Cowsheds ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Elementary Schools inspected, No. 7 ...	...	...	...	...	...	inspections	15
Registered Cowsheds inspected „ 7 ...	...	...	...	...	...	„	14
Water Supplies inspected „ 1 ...	...	...	...	...	...	„	5
Bake Houses inspected „ 2 ...	...	...	...	...	...	„	5
Slaughter Houses inspected „ 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	„	9

8.—PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The staff consists of a Medical Officer of Health and a Sanitary Inspector, both part time.

9.—HOUSING.

1. Number of New Houses erected during the year :							
a Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
b As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Unfit Dwelling Houses—							
(1) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under Housing Regulations, 1910 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
2. Remedy of Defects without serving of Formal Notice—							
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal notice ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
3. Action under Statutory Powers—							
A Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919—							
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
B Proceedings under Public Health Acts—							
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(2) Number of houses in which defects were remedied ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
C Proceedings under Section 17 & 18 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909—							
(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having being rendered fit ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

Your Council has delegated its powers under the Midwives' Act, 1902, and the Notification of Births Act, 1902, to the County Council.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

FREDERICK J. JAYNE.

Memo. from District Medical Officer :- Dr. Frederick J. Jayne,
Glanenig,
TALGARTH.

July 1926.

Supplementary Report for the Year 1925.

1. No regular inspection of meat under the Meat Inspection Order 1924 is made.

2. No Systematic inspection of food is made.

3. There is no General Hospital in the District, but cases are sent to the County Hospital at Brecon.

4. The amount expended in Poor Law out relief during the Year was £979.

5. There are no Dairies liable to inspection in the District. Seven Cow Sheds are registered.

Cow Keepers or Farmers retailing milk are inspected every 6 months or sometimes oftener. No Milk Shops are registered.

6. The chief causes of death were as follows:-

One death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Three deaths from Caremonia.

One death from Diabetes.

Four Deaths from Cerebral Haemorrhage.

Six " " Heart Disease.

Four " " Bronchitis.

Two " " Pneumonia.

One " " Nephritis.

Two " " Accidents.

7. There are five private Slaughter Houses in the District, all of which have been inspected, and some alterations suggested which have been carried out. All have been Registered and Licensed.

	1920.	January 1925.	December 1925.
Registered	0.	0.	5
Licensed.	0.	0.	5

FREDERICK J. JAYNE.

